



Robert Paul Roberts

August 22, 1922 - July 1, 2020

Leaving your mark on the world can be challenging for most individuals. And for others, it comes easier. For Robert Paul Roberts, it was the latter, he was a master brick and stone mason, retiring at the age of 80, and you can still see his works all over West Tennessee in homes, churches, schools and retail businesses. Mr. Paul learned his trade when he returned home after proudly serving his country in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Paul Roberts was born on Tuesday, August 22, 1922 in Henderson County, one of five children to the late John Duncan and Cora Mae Blankenship Roberts. He was a lifelong resident of Henderson County, a friend to everyone who knew him and a faithful member of the Mazies Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He died peacefully at his home on Wednesday afternoon, July the 1st, 2020 at the age of 97. When you ask his friends and acquaintances to describe Mr. Paul, you'll hear comments like, "friend to all", "kindest man you'll ever meet", "always positive, his glass was always half full", "great husband, dad and grandfather". He was just that person.

Mr. Roberts was a part of the greatest generation, a decorated veteran, and took great pride in serving in the Army during World War II. He was in college at the University of Tennessee at Martin when war broke out and soon after joined a large group of local men from Henderson County who enlisted, shipped out and served together. He served in Holland, Belgium and Germany

earning service medals and a Bronze Star.

Equally important to Mr. Paul was his family who affectionately called him either "Poppy" or "Big Daddy". Survivors include his wife of thirty years, Betty Wood Roberts, his children: Paula Roberts (Jimmy) White, Robin (Jan) Roberts, Charles (Gail) Roberts, Bob (Becky) Roberts, Tim Ellis, Margo Ellis Bass, Donna (Bobby) Tate ,Krista Ellis and Peyton Ellis; grandchildren: Jerrod (Stephanie) Cagle, Julia (Stephen) Stanfill, Robert (Ashely) Roberts, Ryan (Ashley) Roberts, Tabitha (Neal) Wuoo, Tenille (Greg) Grobmeyer, Tera (Jeremy) Duke, Kelsey (Dustin) Inman, Tristan (Bianca) Roberts, Colin and Luke Roberts, Will and Katie Tate, Mallory (Joe) Bridges, Stephanie Barrells and Kaley Ellis; and 26 great grandchildren. Preceding Mr. Paul in death were his brothers: James, John L. and Willie Howard Roberts and his sister, Elizabeth "Sugar" Weatherly.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM Friday, July the 3rd at Mazies Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and interment to follow at Hare Cemetery with military honors. Pafford Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Casket bearers will be: James Lindsey, David Overman, Glenn Melton, Randall Roberts, Virgil Overman, Kenneth Anderson, Bob Roberts and Thomas Blankenship.

Cemetery Details

Hare Cemetery

Natchez Trace Road
Lexington, TN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Pafford Funeral Home - Lexington, TN
71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Visitation

JUL 3. 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

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71 Monroe Ave.
Lexington, TN

Church Service

JUL 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mazies Chapel Baptist Church
Lexington, TN

Tribute Wall



“ Pafford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert Paul Roberts



Pafford Funeral Home - July 02, 2020 at 04:35 PM

RK

Mr. Paul was a wonderful likable decent kind gentleman!! The last time I saw Mr Paul was at the Civic Center with Tony Thompson!! We sat there together in the hallway back to Saturday cafeteria and had a blast talking with each other!! ,,,!!

Randy Kendrick - July 02, 2020 at 07:59 PM

PD

“ Prayers for the family...



Patti Duke - July 25, 2020 at 12:37 PM

BW

“ Barbara Willis lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts



Barbara Willis - July 03, 2020 at 11:46 PM

BW

So sorry for your loss.

Barbara Willis - July 03, 2020 at 11:47 PM

RR

i am not related but he had the same name as me which is robert paul roberts i live in birmingham uk sorry for your lose i bet he was a very nice guy.

robert paul roberts - November 23, 2020 at 07:21 PM

RH

“ *This was late summer of 1997.*



Robert Helms - July 03, 2020 at 04:54 PM

VJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. May God comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time.*



Vicki Jowers - July 03, 2020 at 01:30 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. We share so many lovely memories, Paula, Robin, Charles, and Bob, because our parents were long-time friends and, thankfully, our paths crossed often. That generation worked hard and played hard and fought for good (in a war, yes, but back home too) and stood up, together, many times.... for those less fortunate. May those memories and the love and support of your beautiful families, bring you comfort now. Each of you is a tribute to Paul and his integrity, loving nature and sense of humor. I'm so glad that Paul and his friendship, and the bricks he put in the various foundations (literally and figuratively) throughout those days.... are part of my memory too.
In deepest sympathy for you all,
Dian

Dian Brown - July 03, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MA

“ So very sad to hear of the loss of one of the best men I was ever fortunate to know. Sending thoughts of peace and comfort in the days ahead.

With love,
Misty Austin



Misty Austin - July 02, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Robert Paul Roberts.



July 02, 2020 at 07:45 PM

SB

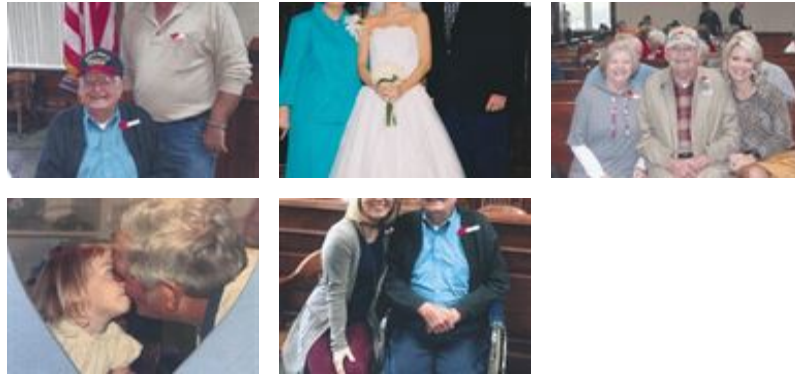
“ *Shelia Bailey sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Paul Roberts*



Shelia Bailey - July 02, 2020 at 04:54 PM



“ *82 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pafford Funeral Home - July 02, 2020 at 04:32 PM

RS

“ *Prayers and love to you all!*



Rhonda Sanders - July 02, 2020 at 02:31 PM

TN

“ Tony Neill sent a virtual gift in memory of Robert Paul Roberts



Tony Neill - July 02, 2020 at 02:08 PM

MT

“ Marvin Taylor lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts



Marvin Taylor - July 02, 2020 at 01:40 PM

PW

“ Patty Williams lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts



Patty williams - July 02, 2020 at 12:19 PM

RD

“ Ronnie Dyer lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts



Ronnie Dyer - July 02, 2020 at 12:18 PM

RG

“ *Ricky Gooch lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts*



Ricky Gooch - July 02, 2020 at 12:17 PM

TA

“ *Thomas Austin lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts*



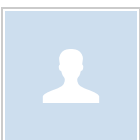
Thomas Austin - July 02, 2020 at 12:13 PM

EA

“ *Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts*



Eddie Akins - July 02, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Robert Paul Roberts*



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